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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

Int onal Application No
PCT/US 03/31465

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER
IPC 7 H01B3/30

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)
IPC 7 H01B

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the International search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 4 760 296 A (JOHNSTON DON R ET AL) 26 July 1988 (1988-07-26) abstract column 7, line 17 - line 28 tables I - III-BB examples claims 1-17	1-16
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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☐ Claims Nos.:
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Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

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Remark on Protest

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C.(Continuation) DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	<p>WO 01 48763 A (ALSTOM SCHWEIZ AG; BAUMANN THOMAS (CH); OESTERHELD JOERG (CH); SOPKA J) 5 July 2001 (2001-07-05) abstract page 8, line 20 -page 9, line 4 page 9, line 15 - line 20 examples 1-5</p>	1-16
X	<p>WO 00 54286 A (KIESSLING GERHARD; OPPERMANN MANFRED (DE); SCHINDLER HEINZ (DE); BOEHM) 14 September 2000 (2000-09-14) abstract page 5, line 1 - line 10 page 8, line 15 -page 10, line 23 table 1 examples 1A-5 claims 1,3,5,6,8-12</p>	1-16

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Continuation of Box I.2

Due to the following objections based on Art. 6 PCT, the search has been restricted:

Claims 1, 6, and 10: since it is not clear what is meant by "wherein internal charge is modified", this technical feature has not been considered when carrying out the search.

Claim 4, 6, and 13: Since the feature "wherein particulate size is comparable to polymer chain length so that the particulate and the matrix polymer interact cooperatively" is unclear, the search has been restricted to the remaining features of the concerned claims.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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